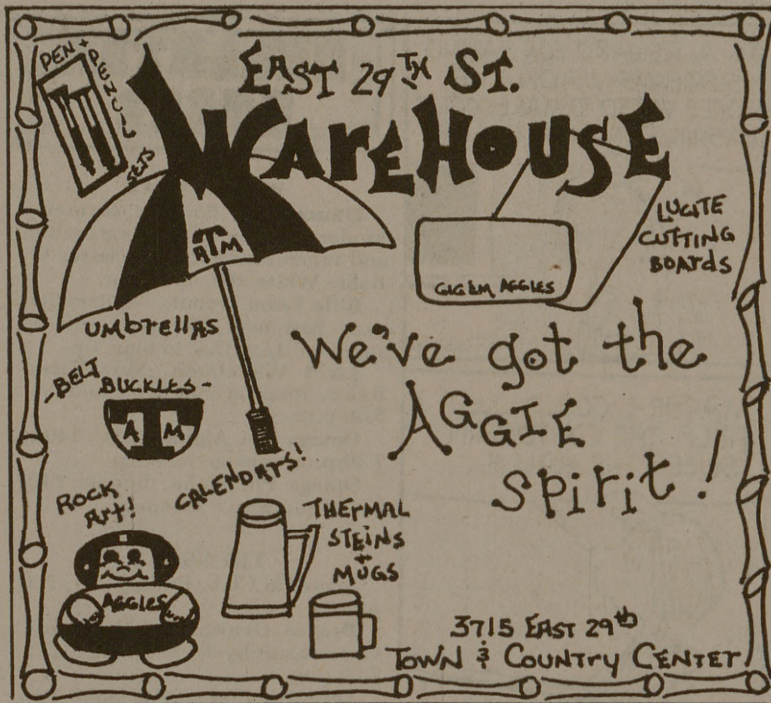


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Low tar smokers do best Smoking diseases decline

Associated Press
COLD SPRINGS HARBOR, N.Y. — The first "definitive evidence" shows that persons who smoke low-tar and low-nicotine cigarettes are less likely to die from lung cancer and coronary disease than high tar and nicotine smokers.

However, the American Cancer Society said its analysis showed that death rates among those who smoke cigarettes low in tar and nicotine were still far higher than the death rates of those who never smoked. The findings, based on an analysis of the deaths of one million men and women over a 12-year period, were reported here Tuesday at a meeting on the "Origins of Human Cancer" at the Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory.

For purposes of the study, "high" tar-nicotine cigarettes were defined as those containing 25.8 to 35.7 milligrams of tar and 2.0 to 2.7 milligrams of nicotine. "Low" tar-nicotine cigarettes included those with less

than 17.6 milligrams of tar and less than 1.2 milligrams of nicotine. "Medium" tar-nicotine smokes were defined as those falling between those two groups.

Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond, who presented the findings, said there had been concern that death rates among smokers of low tar and nicotine cigarettes might increase because they would inhale more deeply and thereby take in more carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and "secret additives."

The survey showed that lung cancer deaths among smokers of "medium" tar-nicotine cigarettes were 10 per cent fewer than among smokers of high residue cigarettes. Lung cancer deaths from "low" tar-nicotine cigarettes were 26 per cent fewer than among high residue cigarette smokers.

Corresponding figures for heart disease deaths were 8 per cent fewer for medium tar-nicotine smokers and 14 per cent fewer for low tar-

nicotine smokers. However, persons who smoked up to two packs a day of low residue cigarettes had a higher death rate from lung cancer than those who smoked less than a pack a day of the high tar-nicotine cigarettes. This was true to a lesser degree for heart disease.

"We think it fair to say that switching from high tar and nicotine cigarettes to low tar and nicotine cigarettes was at least a small step in the right direction for those who continued to smoke cigarettes," Hammond said, but added:

Hammond also noted that death rates for pipe and cigar smokers are double those for nonsmokers, and pipe and cigar smokers have cancer of the lips, tongue, mouth and esophagus at rates as high, or higher, than cigarette smokers.

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Ex-Singing Cadets to meet

A new organization, the Association of Former Singing Cadets, has the ball rolling for its first meeting this fall.

Made up of graduated members of the all-male glee club, the group will hold a reunion-organizational-business meeting Oct. 30 in Dallas.

Committee chairman James Randolph has planned it at the North Park Inn. Coincidentally, the AFSC will attend the Texas A&M-SMU football game at the Cotton Bowl.

Randolph, assistant student pro-

gram coordinator in the Memorial Student Center, said Association officers will be introduced at a social hour and buffet following the game.

Annual membership dues of \$5 go to support the Texas A&M choral group directed by Robert L. Boone.

Serving with Randolph on the committee are Bill Peavy, T. C. Cone, Jim Cain, Tim Webb, Jim Riggs and Luis Martinez.

Information and reservation forms for the Dallas meeting are available from the Singing Cadets office.

Library to try

'trading post'

The Texas A&M University Library plans a new method in handling its paperback books, beginning Sept. 20.

A "trading post" operation will be tried experimentally, Circulation Librarian Mel Dodd said.

"If a library patron wants to trade out one of the paperbacks," Dodd said, "all he need do is put one of his own on the rack."

The copy-for-copy method will continue as long as the books Exchange will be on an honor basis. "Most of our paperbacks are new," Dodd said. "Occasionally someone brings in a sackful to donate. We still solicit such gifts."

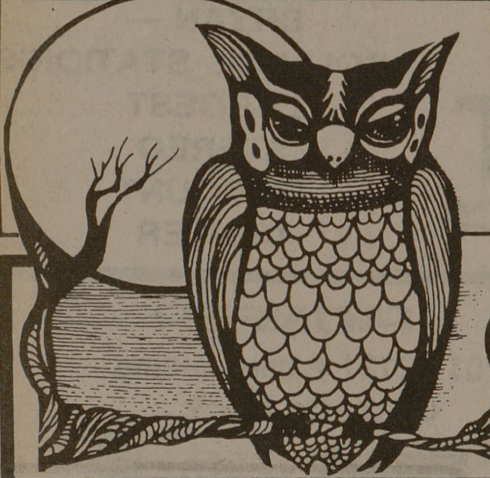
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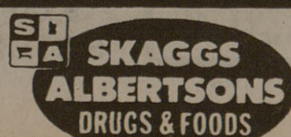
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